

State of



Maryland.

Executive Chamber

Annapolis, April 23, 1861

To Brigadier General B. F. Butler

Sir: — Having, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the Constitution of Maryland, summoned the Legislature of the State to assemble on Friday the 26th instant, and Annapolis being the place in which, according to law, it must assemble; and having been credibly informed that you have taken military possession of the Annapolis & Elk Ridge Railroad, I deem it my duty to protest against this step; because without at present assigning any other reason, I am informed that such occupa-

patron of said road will
prevent the Members of
the Legislature from reach-
ing this city

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

Al. H. Hicks